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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

'08 MJ 8701

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

Lorraine ORTEGA-Arebalo,

Defendant.

) Magistrate Case No.:

) COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF

) 21 U.S.C. § 952 and 960

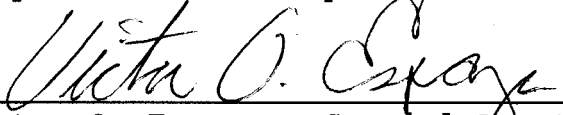
) Importation of a Controlled

) Substance (Felony)

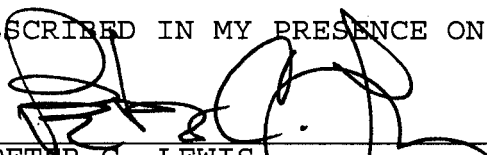
The undersigned complainant being duly sworn states:

That on or about August 6, 2008, within the Southern District of California, defendant Lorraine ORTEGA-Arebalo, did knowingly and intentionally import approximately 53.56 kilograms (117.83 pounds) of marijuana, a Schedule I Controlled Substance, into the United States from a place outside thereof, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 952 and 960.

The complainant states that this complaint is based on the attached Statement of Facts incorporated herein by reference.


Victor O. Esparza, Special Agent
U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement

SWORN TO BEFORE ME AND SUBSCRIBED IN MY PRESENCE ON THIS 7th,
DAY OF August 2008.


PETER C. LEWIS
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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3 STATEMENT OF FACTS

4 This Statement of Facts is based on the reports, documents, and
5 notes furnished to U. S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agent
6 Victor O. Esparza.

7 On August 6, 2008, at approximately 1049 hours, Loraine ORTEGA-
8 Arebalo (ORTEGA) applied for admission into the United States from
9 Mexico, at the Calexico, California, west port of entry. ORTEGA was
10 the driver and sole occupant of the 1995 Mazda sedan.

11 ORTEGA gave a negative customs declaration to Customs and Border
12 Protection Officer (CBPO) A. Lopez. ORTEGA stated she was going to
13 Calexico to job hunt. CBPO Lopez asked ORTEGA where she was going to
14 look for work and she was unable to say. CBPO Lopez asked ORTEGA
15 where she lived. ORTEGA stated she had just moved down to Mexicali,
16 Mexico, from San Bernardino, California. CBPO Lopez asked ORTEGA for
17 her home address in Mexicali. ORTEGA stated she did not know. When
18 ORTEGA was asked about the ownership of the vehicle, ORTEGA stated it
19 belonged to a friend, but did not know her complete name.

20 At this time, CBPO Lopez asked ORTEGA to open the trunk of the
21 vehicle. After ORTEGA opened the trunk, CBPO Lopez observed a rug
22 which appeared to be covering something. After removing the rug,
23 packages wrapped in brown tape were discovered by CBPO Lopez.

24 In vehicle secondary, a total of twelve (12) packages were
25 removed from the trunk area. CBPO Lopez probed one of the packages
26 and a sample of a green leafy substance was extracted. The substance
27 field-tested positive for marijuana. The (12) packages had a combined
28 weight of approximately 53.56 kilograms (117.83 pounds) of marijuana.